

Remarks:

These remarks are responsive to the Office action dated March 25, 2008. Prior to entry of this response, claims 16, 18, 29-31, 33-35, and 52-64 were pending in the application. By way of this response, claims 52, 53, 55, 58, and 60 are amended, claims 16, 18, 29-31, 33-35, 61, and 64 are cancelled, and claim 65 is added. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 61-64 are indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 60 has been amended to include the limitations of allowed claim 61.

Claim 52 has been amended to include the limitations of allowed claim 64.

Further, new claim 65 has been amended to correspond to the subject matter of allowed claim 62.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 52-60 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,382,193 (Boyer et al.).

With regard to claims 53, 55, and 58, they have each been amended to include additional limitations similar to that of allowable claim 64. As such, the claims should be allowed.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 16 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,382,193 (Boyer et al.).

Claims 29-31 and 33-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,382,193 (Boyer et al.) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,401,684 (Hori et al.).

The above claims have been cancelled and thus these rejections are now moot.

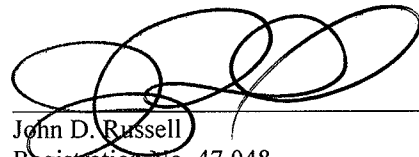
Conclusion

Applicants believe that this application is now in condition for allowance, in view of the above amendments and remarks. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowability covering the pending claims. If the Examiner has any questions, or if a telephone interview would in any way advance prosecution of the application, please contact the undersigned attorney of record.

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